

FRITHELSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Frithelstock Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th January 2023 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Frithelstock.

Present: T Warrington (Chairman), C Stevens, M Thomas and F Sluman.
Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock - Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

FP50 Apologies
Cllr E Hunkin and Cllr Baker.

FP51 Declarations
None.

FP52 Minutes
RESOLVED: That the Minutes held on 23rd November 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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FP53 Reports from outside bodies
a) To receive a report from Devon County Councillor, Cllr A Saywell.

- Huge pressure on Highways Network. Getting about 500 pothole reports a day at the moment. 2700 defects to repair across the county. Some of the workers are now out gritting so there is a backlog. Please be patient but keep reporting the potholes or any highways concerns.
- Overspend has gone down to £7,000,000. Still looking at trying to reduce this figure*

*** Cllr Hardwick entered the meeting at 7.10pm. ***

- Draft budgets set for next year. Adults and Highways will include increases in their budget.
- Donna Manson, new Chief Executive. Come from Scotland.
- Community Speed Watch – Look at setting up as it does have teeth now. Needs to be community led – training is delivered by the police. 3 is the minimum for a speed watch group.

b) To receive report from Torridge District Councillor, P Pennington.

- Same as previous.
- CT setting at the end of Jan.
- Almost certainly the council will vote for the max increase w/d triggering a referendum.
- Would like an update from Cllr Hunkin re: Playing Field Grant. Clerk said that she was awaiting a quotation so she can submit the application.

c) To receive report from Police.

- Crimes re: National wide operation to input serial numbers etc of machinery. There has been a number of farm thefts, quad bikes etc recently.

FP54 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke regarding their experience of criminal activity and in particular the impact it is having on her and her families life. Similar criminal activity on the same dates have been recorded in Petrockstowe. They asked for the Parish Council to consider writing to the Police to ask them to put pressure on the police to investigate things further.

A member of the public spoke regarding a parish litter bin and requesting that the parish council complete the risk assessment. The clerk replied that she would complete this, no one should go onto the A road and a Health and Safety briefing would need to be done by the organiser. The details for the litter pick are Sunday 29th January – 2.30pm, meet in the Village Hall Car Park.

A member of the public spoke re: Planning Application 1/1301/2022/OUT and the fact that the Parish Council own the wall that the applicant has requested to change/remove. The member of the public has written to the Architect to ascertain some further details.

FP55 Highways

This item be placed on the next Agenda for any further updates.

FP56 Finance – Payments and Receipts

a) Payments and Receipts

PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS.

	NAME	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
1	K Graddock – Salary	£607.44	Bacs
2	K Graddock – Expenses	£52.80	Bacs
3	HMRC – PAYE and NI	£463.71	Bacs
4	Peninsula Pensions – Pension	£227.07	Bacs
	Total	£1,351.02	

RESOLVED: That the payments are accepted and approved.

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FP57 Budget 2023/24 and Precept 2023/24

Budget

RESOLVED: That the budget presented at the meeting and attached as Appendix 1 be approved.

Precept

RESOLVED: That the Precept for 2023/24 be levied at £9,500.00 and the Clerk submit the Precept application to Torridge District Council.

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FP58 Governance

RESOLVED: That the following documents be approved for 2022/23.

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Risk Assessment

- GDPR Policy.

FP59

Crimes in the Village

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council write a letter asking the Police to investigate further the investigations on crimes within the village.

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FP60

Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

- Kings Coronation
- Community Speed Watch
- Chapter 8 – Road Warden

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed: Dated: